

REMARKS

Claims 1-44, all the claims pending in the application, stand rejected. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Drawings

The Examiner states that the drawings will be accepted once page numbers for these drawings are specified. Appropriate amendments to the specification at pages 10, 11 and 18 are made. Please note that Applicants already added a new paragraph referencing Fig. 13 A in the previous Amendment.

Double Patenting

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 11, 20 and 33 on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 11 of U.S. Patent 6,840,837. This rejection is traversed for at least the following reasons.

In the previous Office Action, the same rejection was made and Applicant respectfully requested that the Examiner reevaluate this rejection in light of the amendments made to claims 1, 11, 20, and 33. The Examiner was not persuaded by the amendment and argument made. Accordingly, the same rejection is made and the Office Action is final.

Applicants are herewith filing a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

All of the pending claims 1-44 would be allowed, if the rejection for double patenting is overcome. The submitted Terminal Disclaimer places all claims into allowable form.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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